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SUBJ: MEETING OF SEVEN MAN COMMISSION IN PARIS

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAUTENSCHLAGER, CHIEF OF THE TRADE DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON AUGUST 3, LAUTENSCHLAGER ASKED ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER AS TO HOW THE US FELT ABOUT THE RECENTLY COMPLETED SEVEN MEMBER COMMISSION MEETING IN PARIS.

2. HE SAID THAT DITTMAN THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE HAD COME BACK RELATIVELY SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THE MEETING WENT AND HOPEFUL THAT WE COULD WORK OUR WAY TO AN INFCE MEETING THIS AUTUMN.

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3. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER RESPONDED THAT HE HAD SEEN REPORTS OF THE MEETING (CONTAINED IN REFTTEL) AND HAD HEARD OF NO PARTICULAR DISSATISFACTION ON THE AMERICAN SIDE. HE REFERRED TO THE EMPHASIS ON FRENCH-CANADIAN DIFFERENCES AT THE MEETING.

4. LAUTENSCHLAGER CONFIRMED THAT CANADIAN PROBLEM WAS SERIOUS ONE AND THAT KEY PROBLEM WAS TO ASSURE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN INFCE. HE STRESSED SEVERAL TIMES THAT FRG WOULD PARTICIPATE. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO HAVE AN IEA-TYPE SITUATION WHERE THE FRENCH SIT THIS ONE OUT. LAUTENSCHLAGER EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE CANADIANS SINCE THERE WERE NOW MUTTERINGS CONCERNING THE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND TRUDEAU IN OTTAWA. ACCORDING TO LAUTENSCHLAGER WHO HAD SEEN THE RECORD, TRUDEAU'S UNDERTAKINGS WITH THE CHANCELLOR WENT BEYOND WHAT IS NOW BEING ACCEPTED AS AGREED BY LOWER LEVEL CANADIAN OFFICIALDOM.

5. TURNING TO DETAILS LAUTENSCHLAGER MENTIONED THE PROBLEM OF WHO SHOULD ISSUE THE INVITATIONS FOR MEETING. THE FRG HAD UNDERSTOOD THE US WOULD ISSUE INVITATIONS FOR A MEETING IN THE U.S. THE QUESTION NOW ROSE WHETHER ALL SEVEN SHOULD ISSUE THE INVITATIONS. THE FRG COULD GO ALONG WITH EITHER ARRANGEMENT. HE ALSO RUMINATED OVER THE ULTIMATE LOCATION FOR INFCE COORDINATION WHICH HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED RECENTLY ALTHOUGH HE HAD EARLIER UNDERSTOOD ITS WORK WOULD BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH IAEA.
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